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relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

JP 10-226688, accompanied by an English language abstract and family member U.S. Patent No. 5,874,590, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 1;

WO 01/62755, and family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0162298 A1, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 1;

L. LINDQVIST et al., "Radiationless Transitions in Xanthene Dyes", J. Chem. Phys., Vol. 44, pp. 1711-1712 (1966), which is cited in the specification beginning on page 1;

WO 99/51586, and family member U.S. Patent No. 6,525,088 B1, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 8;

JP 2000-239272, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 8;

Richard P. HAUGLAND, Handbook of Fluorescent Probes and Research Chemicals, Sixth Edition, Chapters 22 - 24, pp. 503-584 (1996), which is cited in the specification beginning on page 8;

Theodora W. Greene, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, Chapter 7, pp. 218-287 (1981), which is cited in the specification beginning on page 10;

JP 6-207112 A, accompanied by an English language abstract and family members EP 0 582 836 A1, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,380,880, 5,302,731, and 5,393,514; and

JP 08-271430, accompanied by an English language abstract.

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Copies of the above-noted documents, except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Publications, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 10-226688, published August 25, 1998.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-239272, published September 5, 2000.
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5	L. LINDQVIST et al., "Radiationless Transitions in Xanthene Dyes", J. Chem. Phys., Vol. 44, pp. 1711-1712 (1966).
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